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MINUTES

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board

January 16, 2003

Meeting held at: Mailing address is:

City Administration Building

202 "C" Street, 12th Floor

San Diego, CA 92101

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ATTENDANCE:

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present
Jim Austin, Chair	Faith Bautista	Bill Deloatch
Ginny Barnes, Vice Chair	Bob Ottilie	June Dudas
Darlene Gould Davies	Olivia Puentes-Reynolds	Ted Medina
Kevin Faulconer (2:16 p.m.)	Robert Robinson	Mike Morrow
Norman Greene		Sally Pearson
Dan Mazzella		April Penera
Doug Perry		Clark Ritter
Olivia Puentes-Reynolds		Deborah Sharpe

Mr. Ottilie and Ms. Bautista gave notice that they would not be able to attend today's meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Austin called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Mazzella/Mr. Perry

The Minutes of November 21, 2002 were unanimously approved by the Board.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Jim Peugh, representing the San Diego Audubon Society, gave public comment on the NTC Park Environmental Impact Report (EIR). He felt that the report was inconclusive and that it did not give decision makers enough information to analyze the project adequately. He made several suggestions on what information should be included to improve the report. Mr. Peugh agreed to provide his specific comments in writing to the Board for referral to staff.

COMMENTS OR ADDITIONS

None.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

_____Mr. Austin welcomed the Board members back and talked briefly about the busy year ahead.

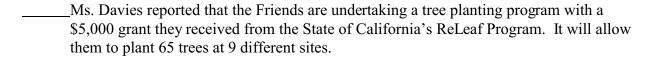
DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Oppenheim wished the Board members a Happy New Year and reported on the following:

- The City of San Diego, like other California cities, is facing a major budget crisis. Under budget cuts proposed by Governor Davis, the city could lose \$23 million in motor vehicle license fees in the fiscal year that ends June 30 and an additional \$48 million in the next fiscal year. The Department has already been directed to reduce spending by 3% for this fiscal year, and to prepare for the possibility of an additional 10% in reductions in Fiscal Year 2004. The direct impact of how this will affect the Park & Recreation Department has not yet been determined but every effort will be made to protect service levels to our customers and the community. More information will be provided as it becomes available.
- San Diego Sockers are partnering with the Park and Recreation Department to collaborate on a Park and Recreation Night in March. The department will be provided a limited number of tickets at a reduced rate and for each ticket sold, the department will receive a donation that will go into a special fund to enhance programs and services.
- Park & Recreation received a \$60,000 state grant to fund a draft resource management plan in Tecolote Canyon Natural Park.
- On January 13th, the Southcrest Community Park held a grand re-opening of it's children's playground. New playground equipment and a new play surface was installed.
- A groundbreaking for the new Martin Luther King Senior Center is scheduled for Friday, January 17 at 1:30 p.m.

- City beach crews did an excellent job anticipating and then responding to the high storm tides we had recently. They restored and reinforced the berms throughout the Mission Bay area, moved around tons of recycled stand, and removed kelp that wound up on the beaches. Extra care was given to residential and commercial properties to protect those structures from any storm damage.

FRIENDS OF PARKS REPORT



ACTION ITEMS

Consent

A motion was made by Ms. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Faulconer to approve on consent the following action item:

101. Black Mountain Ranch Community Park - General Development Plan

_The motion passed unanimously.

Adoption

102. Standardized Designs and Community Review for Comfort Stations

Mr. Darren Greenhalgh, Senior Civil Engineer from the Engineering & Capital Projects Department, Public Buildings and Parks Division, presented a detailed overview of the proposal. The proposed policy is intended to establish a uniform review and approval process for the selection, review, and alteration of designs for neighborhood park comfort stations. It will also enable the City to construct comfort stations in a cost-efficient manner.

Ms. Mary Coakley and Ms. Karen Boger gave public comment in support of the proposal. Ms. Coakley provided hand-outs to the Board members and talked about the research she has done on this subject. Cost and safety issues, as well as efficiency, size of comfort stations, and where sinks should be installed were also discussed.

MOTION MOVED/SECONDED Ms. Barnes/Mr. Perry

It was moved, seconded, and approved by the Board to recommend approval of the council policy for standardized designs and an abbreviated community review process for Park & Recreation facility comfort stations. (Vote: 5-1-1)

INFORMATION ITEMS

	201.	La Mirada Joint Use Status
		Ms. Deborah Sharpe, Project Officer II with the Park Planning Division introduced Mr. Clark Ritter, Project Manager, who provided an update on the La Mirada Elementary School Joint Use project. The project is being funded with grants and matching funds. A ceremonial groundbreaking is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21 with the first phase completion date anticipated to be in the Summer of 2004
	202.	CEQA Process Overview
		Ms. April Penera, Park Planning Deputy Director, and Mr. Larry Monserrate, Assistant Deputy Director, Environmental Analysis Section of the Development Services Department, described the purpose of the California Environmental Quality Act and how it is applied to City of San Diego projects. A hand out was distributed providing more detailed information.
<u>COM</u>	MITTI	EE REPORTS
	Balbo	a Park Committee
	condu Februa They	lazzella reported that the City has retained consultants from Jones & Jones to ct a parking and circulation study of Balboa Park. A retreat is scheduled on ary 1 focusing on ways the committee can become more functional and effective. will also discuss forming subcommittees so that they can better address more of the that affect Balboa Park.
	Centr	al Area Committee
	_No rej	port.
	City I	Lakes Committee
	_No rej	port.
	Coast	al Area Committee
	_No me	eeting.
	Desig	n Review Committee
	_No rej	port.
	Los P	enasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens' Advisory Committee
	_Meeti	ng tonight. No report.

Mission Bay Park Committee	
<u> </u>	nmittee approved improvements to boat launching ove, Santa Clara Point and Ski Beach.
Mission Trails Regional Park Citi	zen's Advisory Committee
No report.	
Northern Area Committee	
No meeting.	
Southern Area Committee	
No meeting.	
Tecolote Canyon Natural Park	
No report.	
Wetlands Advisory	
No report.	
<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	
The meeting was adjourned at 4:10	p.m.
The next scheduled meeting is:	Thursday, February 20, 2003
	City Administration Building Council Committee Room 202 "C" Street, 12th Floor San Diego, CA 92101
	Submitted by,
	Ellen Oppenheim Staff Representative

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